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MEANINGFUL MEASURES

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

Editor's Note: Meaningful Measures is the Sea Coast Echo's monthly feature highlighting inspirational people in Hancock County. The individuals featured are nominated by members of the community.

"She's building a legacy here," Mandy Spiers said of Missy Dubuisson and her work with Wild at Heart Rescue. "She does it for the kindness and servitude and the coast. The animals are important to the ecosystem."

Spiers nominated Dubuisson for Meaningful Measures and said she has followed her rescue efforts for several years.

"She devotes her livelihood to taking care of injured animals," Spiers said. "It's a thankless job. She uses her own money for a lot of it. She also travels with animals that can't be rehabilitated locally."

THE BEGINNING OF A CALLING

Missy (Ladner) Dubuisson was born with spina bifida.

"One of the worst cases known," she said. "I had a myelomeningocele, which means my spinal cord was twisted outside of my body in a sac."

When she was five months old, doctors performed an experimental surgery, she said.

"The surgeon said I would never walk, but at least my back would be closed," Dubuisson said. "Little did he know, I would walk at nine months of age and that would be the beginning of my true calling."

Because of her fragile spine, Dubuisson said, she was unable to participate in normal childhood activities such as recess.

"I couldn't do physical activities that could

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A Wild Calling: Rescue gives wildlife a second chance



Photo courtesy of Missy Dubuisson
For her work with possums, Missy Dubuisson is known internationally as "The Possum Queen."

The eyebrows have it — Frida Fest draws a crowd

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER



Photo by Geoff Belcher | Sea Coast Echo
From left, Frida Fest organizer Alicein Schwabacher with "Crowd Favorite" award-winner, Marian Glaser.

A huge crowd of people with flowers in their hair and drawn-on uni-brows packed into the 100 block of South Second Street in Bay St. Louis on Saturday for the seventh annual "Frida Fest."

"I think it went great," festival organizer Alicein Schwabacher, owner of the Mockingbird Cafe, said.

"I think the weather kept some folks at home, but once the rain passed, it got packed, and it cooled off, which is great. And we got a double rainbow, and that was well worth it."

Frida Fest is the brainchild of former Smith & Lens owners Ann Madden and Sandy Maggio, who founded the celebration in 2015 in honor of Frida Kahlo de Rivera, a famed surrealist painter from Mexico who became a feminist icon nearly 40 years

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HCSO, Bay and Waveland police participate in 'largest meth bust in Coast history'

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The Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Waveland Police Department and Bay St. Louis Police Department teamed up with multiple agencies last week for what officers said is the largest single seizure of illegal methamphetamine in the Mississippi Gulf Coast's history.

Last Sunday, Hancock sheriff's deputies,

Bay and Waveland police, the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, Hattiesburg Post of Duty, DEA Gulfport Resident Office, Hattiesburg Police Department, and the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics "executed a surveillance and traffic-stop operation following an

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Photo courtesy of Hancock County Sheriff's Office
Officers of the Bay and Waveland police departments and Hancock County Sheriff's Office teamed up with multiple other agencies on July 7 for what investigators call the biggest meth bust in MS Gulf Coast history.



Today
90°

Low Temperature 80°F
86% Chance of Rain
Humidity 76%

High Tide
10:10 am @ 2.13 ft
Low Tide
09:33 pm @ -0.3 ft



July 19
89°

Low Temperature 79°F
88% Chance of Rain
Humidity 76%

High Tide
10:55 am @ 2.26 ft
Low Tide
10:23 pm @ -0.36 ft



July 20
90°

Low Temperature 79°F
86% Chance of Rain
Humidity 76%

High Tide
11:40 am @ 2.33 ft
Low Tide
11:13 pm @ -0.33 ft



July 21
89°

Low Temperature 80°F
85% Chance of Rain
Humidity 72%

High Tide
12:24 pm @ 2.3 ft
Low Tide



July 22
90°

Low Temperature 78°F
77% Chance of Rain
Humidity 74%

High Tide
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Low Tide
12:02 am @ -0.26 ft



July 23
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Low Temperature 78°F
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Humidity 78%

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Low Tide
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The King’s Kitchen soup kitchen in need of donations and volunteers

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

The King’s Kitchen soup kitchen in Bay St. Louis is in need of food and toiletry donations, as well as volunteers.

The King’s Kitchen is a community outreach service of Central Bible Church and opened its doors in November 2012.

“We prepare for approximately 250 to 300 (people), Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays,” Connie Lyons, outreach pastor at the kitchen, said.

The kitchen had to scale back its hours of operations due to a lack of manpower, she said.

“We are constantly in need of volunteers,” she said.

Volunteers are not only needed for the food service, but also the two other services offered at Central Bible Church.

In 2021, the outreach expanded to include the Clothesline, which provides free clothing and shoes for all children, young adults, as well as adult men and women.

The community room has now been open for about a year, Lyons said. It features a shower and laundry room facilities for the homeless.

The laundry room is sponsored by Diamondhead Community Church, Lyons said.

With regards to food service, on Mondays, the kitchen serves red beans, on Fridays it’s spaghetti, Lyons said. On Wednes-

days it’s either leftovers or whatever they might have on hand, such as chicken and rice.

The food items that Lyons said they “constantly” need are: red beans, smoked sausage, ground meat, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, commercial-sized vegetables, bread, and cookies.

“These are things we use every day because we do a meal,” Lyons said. “It consists of an entree, cookies, and bread. The bulk of what costs us the most is the meat products.”

The items most needed for the shower room include: Men and women’s deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, razors, feminine products, shaving cream, and diapers.

Lyons added that many of the people have also been asking for batteries, specifically AA.

In the community room, which Lyons said is for the homeless only, people can not only take a shower, but also wash and dry clothes.

“We provide everything that they need to take a shower,” she said. “It’s been beneficial for the homeless.”

The community room is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon. The Clothesline is open from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on those same days.

People can shower all three days, but are limited to once a week for clothes washing, Lyons



Photo by Cassandra Favre | Sea Coast Echo
In addition to food, the shelves of the King’s Kitchen toiletry room need refilling.

said.

Linda Rodolfich utilizes the laundry room and shower at Central Bible Church. She also takes that opportunity to charge her phone.

In addition, she also volunteers at the Clothesline.

“It’s saved me lots of money because my check didn’t go far enough to do all the laundry,” she said. “It’s hard to live independently. But, with places like this, it makes it easier for sure. The people are really helpful. They think of things that I don’t even think of.”

Robert Fisher, who is homeless, said he’s been coming to King’s Kitchen off and on for about eight years.

“Mrs. Connie and them, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, they make sure I have food,” he said.

Fisher also utilizes the shower and the Clothesline. He said he hasn’t been able to use the washer and dryer due to

a lack of transportation to carry laundry.

Fisher said the services provided at King’s Kitchen are “keeping me alive.”

“It helps me to just keep motivated,” he said. “If we didn’t have the resources, then your whole life just stops. You can’t move, you can’t motivate, you can’t really do anything.”

In an effort to give back, Fisher also volunteers in the kitchen.

“I try to fit in as much as I can whenever I can,” he said. “I serve, I wash dishes, I mop floors, whatever needs to be done.”

He added that coming to King’s Kitchen has also allowed him the opportunity to meet and interact with other people.

“I think the main thing is housing,” he said. “The housing resource center, they have you on a waiting list and it’s so hard to get housing. Our limitations for identifications and stuff like that,



Photo by Cassandra Favre | Sea Coast Echo
Robert Fisher volunteers during the soup kitchen’s hours of operation.

all our resources are out of town, there’s nothing here no more. The DMV is out in the Kiln, our Social Security office is out there in Gulfport. It’s very hard for somebody that doesn’t have the means to do that. That’s a fighting battle. That’s a major step in being able to find work.”

The King’s Kitchen is located at 2005 Longfellow Rd., Bay St. Louis and currently serves meals Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is currently operating as a drive-thru service.

Learn more about the soup kitchen through Facebook at The King’s

Kitchen.

Those interested in volunteering can contact Pastor Mike Ramsey at 228-493-4796, Lyons said.

Food and toiletry donations can be dropped off Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the location. Cash donations can be made through CashApp at pastormike-cbc1. People can also mails checks to 2005 Longfellow Rd., Bay St. Louis, MS, 39520.

King’s Kitchen is a 501 (c)3 organization and will provide receipts for those needing one for tax purposes, Lyons said.

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Family hosting benefit for father in need of transplants

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

This Saturday, July 20, the family of Larry Rouse is hosting a benefit at the Hancock County Fairgrounds to raise funds for medical expenses.

Rouse, who will be 69 in November, was diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver in March of 2022, his daughter Julie Morreale said.

“At that time, he was doing okay,” she said. “It wasn’t until the end of 2023 that his health started declining and he ended up being on the liver transplant list in March 2024.”

Morreale said doctors performed a procedure on her father which involved placing stents in the liver to help with the blood flow.

Rouse had been experiencing a lot of fluid build up in his abdomen, she said.

“That’s helped tremendously with his fluid build up,” she said. “But, we found out shortly after, his kidneys started failing. So, now he is on the kidney transplant list, as well. He was put on that in April of this year.”

About three months ago, Morreale said, she started brainstorming ways she could help her mom, Betty, who is Rouse’s main caregiver. Her mother is also still working full-time.

“That’s their only source of income,” she said. “Of course, he does have his Social Security

benefits, but with Medicare, that only goes so far when you’re doing big operations like this. It takes care of a lot it, but a lot of it they don’t cover, especially with the living expenses after, because he has to stay close to Ochsner in New Orleans.”

Morreale said that recently, her father has been suffering from brain fog and confusion.

“He has developed OHE, overt hepatic encephalopathy,” she said. “When they have things like this, ammonia builds up in their system, they start getting the confusion.”

The medication doctors previously had Rouse on has stopped working for him, she said.

He was put on a different medication, which is not covered by Medicare, she said. The family reached out to the pharmaceutical company for assistance, because the medicine is about \$1,700 per month.

“Without that, he won’t be able to stay strong enough to remain eligible for the donor list,” Morreale said. “He’s always been very active. He was a truck driver for years and years. Before that, he was a welder. He’s always been on the go. As a little girl, your dad can do anything. He’s the strongest person in the world. So, to see him go through something like this and not be able to do anything, I just figured this (the benefit) is a way I can help to try to allevi-

ate some of the stress for him and my mom.”

Betty and Larry have been married for 47 years. They married on Valentine’s Day, she said.

“He’s been a good husband, a good father, a good provider until he got sick,” she said. “Since then he’s not been able to do much of anything.”

Betty said Larry’s illness has affected him emotionally.

“He’s scared all the time and worried all the time,” she said. “He’s depressed.”

Betty said it’s been “very hard” balancing caregiving and a full-time job.

“Especially with the OHE,” she said. “He can’t drive. I don’t let him drive. Not only could he hurt someone, he could get somewhere and not know where he’s at.”

Betty said that last week, they got the approval from the pharmaceutical company for Larry to receive the medication for OHE at no cost until the end of 2024.

“He has to take it from now until he gets a transplant,” she added.

Luckily, Betty said, they live in an area where family is close by to help check on Larry.

“His sister lives behind us, my sister-in-law in front of us, my son lives besides us,” she said. “I can call somebody to come check him.”

Larry and Betty are parents to Julie and

son Cory. They have 10 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and one more great-grandchild on the way, Betty said.

“That makes him sad too because he feels like he’s not going to see them grow up,” she said. “It’s just one thing after another, it seems like. You get one thing done and then something else happens. Thankfully, though, he’s doing okay, he’s not bedridden or he’s not on his deathbed and we can be thankful for that. There is hope. We just have to, as my sister-in-law tells me, ‘we just have to give it to God.’”

Eventually, the family decided on a car, jeep, and bike show for the benefit. They will also be selling pulled pork plates, and there will be a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, and a bake sale. It will be held from 11 a.m. until on Saturday at the Hancock County Fairgrounds, located at 4184 Kiln Delisle Rd., Kiln.

The non-profit, The Kind Hearts Organization, is sponsoring the benefit for the Rouse family. Their mission is “to help families, youth, and individuals in need who are faced with financial hardship due to health or unexpected reasons.”

“They have done a phenomenal job with helping me,” Morreale said. “They’ve done several benefits along the coast. They help the families get the whole shebang together.”

Morreale said the



Photo courtesy of Julie Morreale
Larry Rouse is in need of a both a liver and kidney transplant.

community has been “outstanding” in supporting the silent auction and giving donations.

The silent auction will be at the event, but interested parties can also bid on items at <https://www.32auctions.com/team-larryrouse>.

There is also a 30-gun raffle, she said. Tickets are \$100 each and participants have 30 chances to win. The drawing date is still to be determined, she said. Interested parties can contact Morreale at 228-346-4624 to inquire about which guns are up for action. Donations, gun raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets can also be purchased through Cashapp at \$JulieMorreale0707; Venmo at @julianna80; and PayPal at @julian-na0780.

There will be a DJ

from 11 a.m.to 1 p.m. Live bands will also be playing and include: David Pixley from 1 to 3 p.m.; and Taylor Heffron from 3 to 5 p.m.

“Team Larry” T-shirts will also be available for sale, Morreale added. There will also be a bounce house for the children and a snow ball vendor, Morreale said.

There is also no registration fee for the car show, she said.

“We’re going to do appreciation plaques that have been donated by Alliston’s Trophy in Gulfport,” she said. “And we’re also going to have little appreciation gifts for the people who participated.”

Learn more through Facebook at Team Larry.



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result in a fall that would then result in immediate paralysis if I fell a certain way,” she said. “So, what did I do? I would hunt for ill animals that needed me. I would make them a little house and feed them goat’s milk. I would hid the little shoe-boxes under my bed so that no one could find them. And when the little critters grew big enough and would start biting at me, I would go and release them.”

Many of Dubuisson’s childhood heroes included veterinarians and those featured in wildlife shows.

“I needed to be just like them,” she said. “Little did I know that would be what I continued to do.”

WILD AT HEART
Dubuisson founded Wild at Heart Rescue in 2012.

“I had volunteered for a couple of rescues, but always felt limited,” she said. “There should be no wildlife in need that we could not help. So, I decided I would embark on my idea and start a rescue where I would not have limitations unless those were set by rules governing wildlife.”

Because she herself had physical limitations, she said, she was not going to limit providing aid to wildlife in need just because “others did not like said animals or didn’t want to take them in.”

“That was unacceptable to me and so Wild at Heart was founded,” Dubuisson said. “Little did I know that we would become the biggest rescue in Mississippi.”

Wild at Heart is also internationally known, Dubuisson said, with people from across the globe contacting the rescue for assistance.

“It is amazing to be able to provide resources for those who may not know how to find them,” she said. “Everybody loves wildlife. Everybody wants to help. And for us to be able to reach out across the world and help them, it’s just an amazing feeling to do this.”

There are currently about 60 permitted rehabilitators who work with Wild at Heart, Dubuisson said, and the organization covers many counties in Mississippi.

Rehabber Laura Miton is based in Bay St. Louis, Dubuisson said, often referred to as Wild at Heart West End. Miton specializes in bobcats, coyotes, and foxes, she said.

Wild at Heart works with indigenous wildlife, with the exception of deer, due to chronic wasting disease, she said. The state will not allow the rehab of Whitetail deer in Mississippi, Dubuisson added.

The group does not take in alligators either, she said. The number to call for both the deer and alligators is 1-800-BE-SMART.

“Last year, we helped 1,149 injured, sick, or orphaned wildlife,” Dubuisson said. “To me, that is an amazing accomplishment. We have a team of volunteers that are extremely dedicated and have the knowledge to take care of these animals to get them back into the wild where they

belong.”

Wild at Heart Rescue is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

“We rely solely on donations to keep everything going,” Dubuisson said. “None of us get paid to do this. It is a labor of love. Mississippi Power is our corporate sponsor under their avian protection plan.”

Seymour Law Firm hosts an annual fundraiser each year in December called Pusharatas for Possums, she said, which allows the rescue to purchase formula for the baby season, which begins each spring.

“Amazing donors make sure that our every need is met,” she said. “And our needs are great.”

Anyone who wishes to donate to the rescue can do so through a variety of options including: PayPal at www.paypal.me/wildatheartrescue-inc; Cash App at [www.cash.app/\\$wildatheartrescue1](http://www.cash.app/$wildatheartrescue1); and Venmo at www.venmo.com/u/patricia-dubuisson-1.

Learn more through Facebook at Wild at Heart Rescue.

EDUCATION IS THE KEY

Dubuisson said educating the public about wildlife is very important to the group’s mission.

“If people understand wildlife, they’re more apt to help,” she said. “Relieving some of the fears that people have about snakes, raccoons, possums, etc. has a great impact on wildlife and the environment.”

Dubuisson said volunteers host educational seminars in schools, at festivals, and other events where “we can bring our knowledge and share with everyone what we do.”

Volunteers bring turtles, along with photographs and the stories behind them, she added.

“We leave folks with the knowledge on what to do if you find a baby bird on the ground, what to do to reunite raccoons with their mom, and what to do if you find a deceased possum on the road,” she said. “We are all pouch pickers and we pick baby possums out of a dead mother’s pouch, bring them to the rescue, and raise them until they are able to go back into the wild.”

As a result of their educational programs, Dubuisson said, many people are becoming involved with helping wildlife.

“They will get out and scoop babies out of the pouch of a deceased mother and make sure they stay warm until they get to us,” she said. “They know not to trap raccoons out of their attic because they will leave behind orphaned babies. We teach them how to coexist with wildlife and if the wildlife becomes a nuisance, there are easy ways to repel them without having to track them and send them away.”

THE POSSUM QUEEN

Dubuisson said she is known internationally as “The Possum Queen.”

“I was always told, ‘oh, you cannot save a possum under 20 grams in body weight,’” she said. “Well, how could I not? They said it was impossible. I have saved tens of thousands of them over the past several decades. They have to be tube fed because they



cannot suckle. So I developed ways to get them fed regardless of how small they are. So many are euthanized because of that mindset. Don’t tell me that I cannot save something when I know that I can. And if it seems impossible, I will figure out a way to save them.”

Throughout her rehabilitation efforts with possums, Dubuisson said, she has found that the purple Crown Royal bags make “perfect little pouches for baby possums.”

“People all over the world mail in Crown Royal bags,” she said. “It seems like the whole world is wild at heart.”

THE MISSISSIPPI KWEEN AND THE POSSUM QUEEN

Long before their royal designations, Dubuisson and social media influencer Caroline Davis, also known as The Mississippi Kween, formed a lifelong bond.

Dubuisson said she met Davis when the Mississippi Kween was seven years old.

“Her family started going to the church that I attended,” she said. “Always the sweetest child. As she grew, my children grew and then she became their babysitter when I worked at the vet clinic. So, we just have a very long friendship. She’s absolutely amazing and I am so proud of her and her platform.”

Davis, who has about 2.5 million followers across the social media platforms TikTok, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, said Dubuisson was “bigger than life to me as a child.”

“She had fabulous lashes and fantastic fingernails,” Davis said.

Davis added that Dubuisson had and — still has — a “bubbly” personality.

“I immediately noticed her love for animals,” she said. “Because of her, I helped rehab a family of four raccoons and baby starlings.”

Recently, Davis used her platform to fundraise for Wild at Heart, with the wildlife baby shower.

Followers purchased items from the Amazon wish list, which can be found at www.mississippikween.com.

Davis said her followers were excited to help and 58 packages arrived during the first round of deliveries.

They two are planning to make a video together in the near future to garner more interest in donating to the rescue, Davis said.

“She’s a very kind person with a good soul,” Davis said of her lifelong friend. “I love her to death and I don’t have a bad thing to say about her.”

Find Davis on her

platforms at Mississippi Kween.

A WILD LIFE

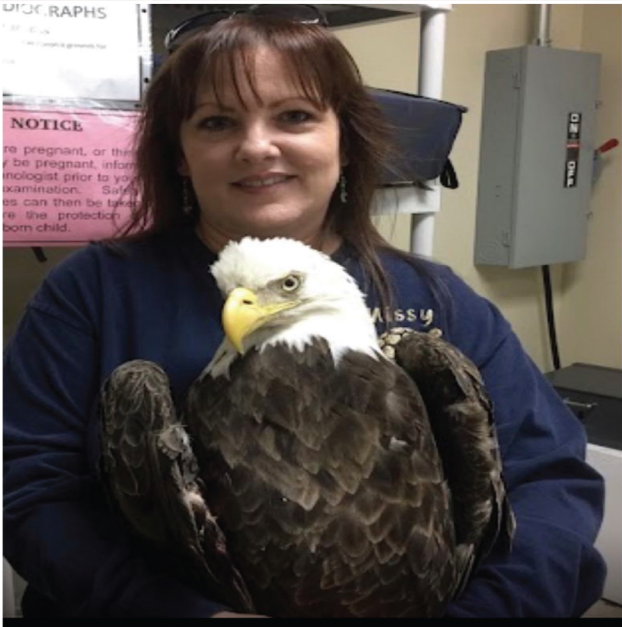
Spiers, who is a nurse practitioner, said as a healthcare worker who does things for the betterment of people, she is often shown gratitude and told ‘thank you’ for the job she does.

In reference to Dubuisson’s wildlife work, Spiers said, “it’s a thankless job.”

“They can’t come back and tell her thank you,” she said. “Sometimes she’s risking her own injury to help injured animals. It speaks volumes.”

Dubuisson said working with wildlife is her “wild life.” Since a young age, she said, she has known how to care for them, what their dietary needs are, medications, and habitat.

“It is a God-given gift,” she said. “It is something that I can’t explain. And I cherish that.



Photos courtesy of Missy Dubuisson
In addition to helping injured wildlife, Missy Dubuisson also brings her knowledge to classrooms and other events to educate the public about wildlife.

There are people still trying to figure out what to do with their life, mine was predestined. It is a very exhausting thing to do. It is very emotional to take care of wildlife that you know many not make it, but you give it your all. It’s exhilarating to see them survive when

their chances were zero. To see them go back into the wild for a second chance of life, knowing that I had a hand in that, that is a feeling that is just unexplainable. Wildlife has a direct impact on every aspect of my life.”



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Conservation Corner: Alternative Fuels from Mississippi's Forests

Depending on where you sit, the southeastern U.S. has the most to gain, or possibly lose, in the fight to stop, or slow, climate change and produce a more secure fuel supply for our nation. Alternative fuels sit at the crossroads of these two concerns. And no matter what you think about climate change, increased investment in restoring and managing our forests and grasslands to optimize carbon uptake, managing forest fire emissions, and utilizing forest products for construction, packaging, and renewable energy gives us the best opportunity to not only address such, but will help Mississippi both environmentally and economically. Forest restoration and management could contribute more than one-third reduction in carbon emissions in the next 15 years.

Overall, our state is producing, on an annual basis, 1.3 tons of woody biomass for every 1 ton we remove. That means our state is growing woody biomass at a rate of 30% per year. And that is a long way from the growth rate of my 401(k)!

It is no question that alternative fuels have generated unprecedented attention, and the importance of trees as a biomass feedstock is becoming clear. Alternative fuels provide a unique opportunity to address needs ranging from energy security to addressing the concern of climate change to economic development, with solutions that include the creation of new opportunities and jobs at a much-needed time. These demands have led our federal government to develop initiatives and accelerated research and development at universities and by industry leaders.

Both the Department of Energy and Department of Agriculture have included trees and woody biomass in their research, including the existing resources of pre-commercial thinnings and harvest residues. The research suggests that more than 700 million dry tons of woody biomass could be used in biofuels production annually.

Mississippi's forests have great potential to power the next generation of America's alternative fuels. Our land and water resources, due to the length of our growing season and large amount of rainfall, provide an unmatched biomass resource. These lands can supply a large portion of renewable material, mostly small diameter trees and harvesting byproducts, that



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BY JAMES L. CUMMINS

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Hancock History: Ashton and Tula Carver

The United States Navy played a role in the Vietnam War, supporting the Marine Divisions in the northern two sections of South Vietnam. The carriers in the Gulf of Tonkin provided jets and other aircraft to support the 600,000 military soldiers on the ground. The United States provided an immense supply chain of munitions, men, and materiel for this campaign. The US Navy and the Merchant Marine carried this support in their respective vessels. One able-bodied-seaman, Ashton Carver, served and represents a Veteran of a Foreign War on both counts.

Ashton Carver was born in 1941 in Waveland, MS, delivered by a midwife. His father, Allen Carver (1909-1955), was born in the family home on St. Charles Street. Allen worked as a welder at the Delta

and Higgins Shipyards in New Orleans. There have been five generations of the Carver Family in the Bay-Waveland community. Ashton's mother was Florence Carver Carver (1914-1976). Ashton went to Waveland Grammar School and graduated from Bay High School in 1960.

In 1961, Ashton entered the US Navy as a bosun's mate. He did maintenance and manned guns. He served in the Gulf of Tonkin on a tanker ship, the "USS Tolovana," from 1962-1964. His tanker refueled many gunships that supported the US Air Force and the US Army. When the Gulf of Tonkin incident occurred, Ashton was in Japan, and the "Tolovana" left immediately in the middle of the night because of this emergency and commencement of the war between the

United States and North Vietnam. Ashton spent a lot of time at sea in this period and the "Tolovana" fueled over one hundred ships in the six months he was in the Gulf War Zone.

Ashton returned stateside and served in the Naval Reserve until 1965 when he became a Merchant Marine Seaman, Port of Embarkation New Orleans. His ship was an old World War II US Navy carrier, "USS Croatan." Merchant Marine vessels fell under the command of the Military Sea Transportation Service (MSTS) during the Vietnam War, and it was up to the MSTS to deliver war materiel and other supplies to its four customers: Army, Navy, Air Force, US Marines. Their ships were staffed with civilians, but delivered critical supplies including ordnance and ammunition into



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BY JAMES KEATING M.D.

live combat zones under fire. There were 140 enemy actions against these ships resulting in sixteen deaths and four dozen wounded casualties. MSTS carried guns, tanks, trucks, trains, riverboats, barges, helicopters, bombers, fighters, and reconnaissance planes, food, and medical supplies. By 1965 MSTS had 300 freight-

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FOR THE PEOPLE

Church/State?

GUEST COLUMN BY DAVID KENNEDY SAUER

The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre production of Robert Bolt's "A Man for All Seasons" triggered in me a surprising recognition of the origins of Church/State dichotomy. While I knew, in general, about Henry VIII and his desire to divorce Queen Catherine, I never thought of it in the terms Thomas More uses in the play: "The King in Parliament cannot bestow the Supremacy of the Church because it is a Spiritual Supremacy."

In the play, for Thomas this is not a moral or religious issue, but rather one of his deep personal commitment, as a lawyer, to the power of Law and recognition of its limitations. In his view the Law simply has no purview in Spiritual matters. Before this time, State religion was the unquestioned commonplace, with no distinction seen

between the two (see for example Iran's Ayatollah Khamenei, both cleric and political leader), what was unique about Henry's declaration was to formalize with a Law (1534) that put the State in control of Religion.

The result, as we know, was the immediate and horrible division between those who adhered to the English Church and those who adhered to Rome, a rivalry that continued into the last century intermittently between Catholic and Protestant.

What is remarkable, however, is that the Founding Fathers of the United States took the position, contrary to English Law, that the Church and the State should be separate, in the words of Thomas Jefferson and made the First Amendment to the Constitution: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

The reasoning was, of course, that so many immigrants came to the U.S. from different countries, or even from the same country, to escape religious prosecution. So there were many different sects and beliefs potentially in conflict. To prevent the religious oppression, the Founders barred the State from making laws establishing one sect over another. Thomas Jefferson's rationale, however, was broader than just eliminating conflicts. It was that "religion is a matter which lies solely between Man & his God."

Now, however, the issue is again in contention—most obviously in Louisiana's declaration that the Ten Commandments should be posted in every classroom. In 2001, Chief Justice Roy Moore in Alabama installed a two ton block of granite inscribed with the Commandments in the Supreme Court lobby,

and was then ordered to remove it by the Federal Court, on the grounds that it violated Church/State separation. It was said to make those not adhering to its religious tradition fearful of unequal treatment as lawyers or plaintiffs, while at the same time attracted groups praying before it. It is assumed that Louisiana's law will similarly be declared unconstitutional.

But the recent revelations by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Alito of his desire to return to the values of a Christian (sect undefined) nation gives hope to the Louisiana Legislature that their law will be upheld. The Court's recent decision on abortion has already created great divisions in the country as each State can define its religious views differently from

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ARREST RECORD



Arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice facility from July 8 to July 15 appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

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Katherine L. Hilbun, 32, burglary
Joe L. Bowens, 62, contempt failure to appear
Marcus L. Johnson, 33, disorderly conduct; simple domestic violence simple assault; probation violation
Alvaro A. Fuentes-Jimenez, 54, careless driving; DUI
Jessica Y. Armstrong, 43, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance
Ethan C. Seals, 33, possession of paraphernalia
Justin S. Andry, 31, contempt failure to appear
Kaitlyn M. Pidcoe, 23, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance; parole violation

Michael P. Wool, 71, contempt failure to appear; simple assault
Canye A. Bankston, 19, disturbance of family
Cory T. Jones, 31, disorderly conduct
Alexander M. Powell, 39, felony possession of controlled substance
Susan M. Joyce, 77, DUI
Trevion Martin, 29, simple domestic violence simple assault
John C. Garner, 28, disturbance of family
David Matthew Jr., 52, felony possession of controlled substance
Nathaniel W. Martin, 27, DUI; no proof of liability insurance
Robert L. Barnett, 53, home repair fraud
Matthew C. May, 42, contempt failure to comply; felony possession of controlled substance; order revoking bond
Carl L. Newman, 45, contempt of court failure to appear x 3; simple do-

mestic violence simple assault
Herman W. Dunklin, 45, contempt of court failure to appear
Cody J. Moran, 33, disorderly conduct; resisting arrest; contempt of court failure to appear
Christy N. Parker, 39, parole violation
Katelin N. Martin, 28, disorderly conduct; indecent exposure
Holly N. Stringer, 38, felony possession of controlled substance
Sariah R. McLain, 28, child: felonious abuse and/or battery of a child
Terrell J. Ladner, 69, controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense x 2
Eric S. Johnson, 28, shoplifting
Shy K. Burgess, 25, disorderly conduct
Michael S. Sykes,

51, felony possession of controlled substance; contempt of court failure to appear
Forrest W. Allen, 52, probation violation
Kelli N. Lee, 51, disorderly conduct x 2
Scott W. Vanbergen II, 35, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia
April J. Blakley, 30, disturbing the peace
Michael J. Langley, 51, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Ronnie A. Riley, 43, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Jeaune M. Esquivel, 30, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Amanda K. Cronin, 43, DUI
Colin P. McCormick, 26, DUI
Dedrick L. Labat, 30, contempt of court failure to appear x 3
Charles R. Brooks, 30, careless driving

Kiln mother and daughter injured in lightning strike

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

A Kiln mother and daughter were injured last week when lightning struck their home while they were both holding plugged-in cell phones.
“I was laying in my bed and it was lightning outside and I had my phone plugged into the wall and lightning hit my house and came through the wall and through the phone charger into my phone and electrocuted me,” Kathryn Underwood-Teck said Tuesday.
Kathryn is a 17-year-old recent graduate from Hancock High, preparing to head off to Ole Miss.
Her mom, Sarah Underwood, was also injured in the lightning strike.
“She had hers on her arm, so it only hit her arm, but I had my phone resting on my chest, so it went through my whole body,” Kathryn said.

Sarah and Kathryn first went to Gulfport Memorial for treatment, then “I was transported to the USA Health University Hospital in Mobile on an ambulance so that they were able to monitor my heart,” Kathryn said.
She was admitted to the burn unit, having suffered electrical burns on her back and chest.
Sarah said the burns on were called “Lichtenberg figures.”
“Out of four hospitals, only one doctor has ever seen them in person and said they were on a deceased person,” Sarah said.
“Let this serve as a warning to not hold your phone during a lightning storm while it is on the charger or else you may end up like me and no, the phone did not survive,” Kathryn said. “Don’t plug your phones into the wall during a thunder storm and definitely don’t hold it.”

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ers and tankers suppling Vietnam with an average of 75 ships and 3000 merchant marines in Vietnamese ports at one time.
Ashton remembers when the “USS Croatan” would dock in Saigon, they would tow the “Skyraider” airplanes with their wings up down the streets of that city in the middle of the night to the local airbase. At that time there was a strict

curfew. Anyone seen on the street was considered Cong and was shot on sight. Fear of sabotage by the Viet Cong necessitated the placement of barbed wire on the water around the ship in harbor. In addition, percussion bombs were detonated every fifteen minutes to discourage Cong frogmen from attaching explosives to his carrier’s hull. The “USS Croatan” went into many ports in Vietnam such as Saigon, Cam Rand, and Danang.
Around 1967 Ashton worked for Tidewa-

ter Marine Services for seven years as a seaman in Offshore Vessels (OSV’s) supporting the offshore and exploration rigs until 1985. He then worked at the Stennis Space Center as a painter and retired in 2004. Ashton married Tula Mitchell (b. 1943) in 1974. Tula’s father was Alson “Tony” Mitchell (1918-1963), who came from Covington County, and was in the Marine Corps during World War II. Tula’s mother was Agnes Ainsworth (1917-2001) from Jones County. Agnes was a teacher. Tula

was also a teacher for thirty-one years. She then worked as a secretary employed by the Mississippi Extension Service. They conduct soil testing, animal support, investigate dying trees, and support 4-H Clubs for youths.
Hancock County has been the home many veterans who have served their county.
In forthcoming columns, stories about some of these Vietnam veterans who fought in the Marines, Air Force, and Army will be presented.

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another’s. There is a fear that the country’s divisions over politics have now spilled over into the area of religion; it is hard to see how there can be any retreat from positions which become so hardened.

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can be converted into alternative fuels.
And if the forest is managed properly, we can continue to provide the thousands of wood products we need every day, as well as produce oxygen, sequester car-

bon dioxide, filter air and water, provide fish and wildlife habitat, including that for threatened and endangered species, improve the aesthetic beauty of the natural landscape, and provide opportunities for recreation and solitude, just to name a few—and do all of this while providing a carbon-neutral fuel

in the process.
Mississippi and the rest of the South are at the crossroads where our energy infrastructure feels the impact of climate change. National security should demand we protect our region’s energy infrastructure by strengthening our biomass infrastructure, as both are vulnerable to

the impacts of climate change.
James L. Cummins is executive director of Wildlife Mississippi, a non-profit, conservation organization founded to conserve, restore, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plant resources throughout Mississippi. Their web site is www.wildlifemiss.org.

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Obituaries

• WAYNE JOSEPH HOLLEY
• RONALD R. LABAT

• ELIZABETH JANE “JANIE” WALKER LASSEIGNE

WAYNE JOSEPH HOLLEY

Wayne Joseph Holley departed from this world on July 10, 2024. He passed away after a lengthy illness, with his wife, Debra Langenbacker Holley, at his side.

Wayne was a 1972 graduate of Long Beach High School in Long Beach, MS. He was the first recipient of the WIC scholarship. Following high school, he attended Jeff Davis Jr. College, where he studied air conditioning and refrigeration. In 1975, he began working at Ingalls Shipyard. Wayne honed his craft as pipefitter at Ingalls for 35 years. If asked where he had learned pipe fitting he would reply, “I learned everything I know at Ingalls University.” Wayne also served for many years as union steward for Local Union 635.

After his retirement, he moved to Bay St. Louis and married Debbie, his ‘green eyed sweetheart, the donut girl’.

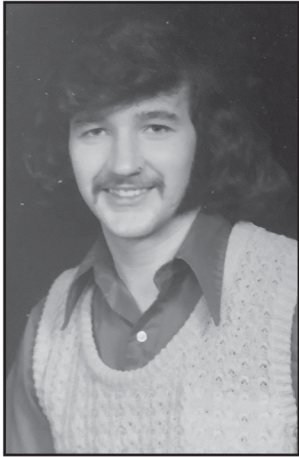
Family was the most important part of his life. He had a special love and devotion to his mother and a special bond with baby sisters, Brenda and Jackie. Wayne was not only a good father to his

children, Angela and Andrew, but embraced the role of step-dad to Debbie’s teenage children. His grandchildren, Taylor (Minner) and Hayden were a bonus in his life. Years later, he opened his heart once more to Debbie’s two grandchildren, Morgan and Ryan. He quickly was nicknamed, ‘Ole Man Cool Dude’, by Ryan.

Wayne loved the simple pleasures of life. In his early years, he lived to fish, boat, and camp. He was never happier than when he had a fly rod in his hand. Soon after their marriage, Debbie and Wayne traveled to Flippin, Arkansas to fish the White River and tour a winery. On a separate occasion, they traveled to Chicago, Illinois to attend grandson Ryan’s First Communion.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Jack Holley and Theresa Lacoste Holley and sister, Brenda Valles.

Surviving family include his wife Debra Langenbacker Holley. He also leaves a daughter, Angela Holley Charles (Greg), son, Andrew Holley, stepchildren, Courtney Scianna, Steve Scianna, Kaitlyn Gleber (Daniel), and Tyler Wilson (Alyssa). Grandchildren include



Taylor (Minner) Holley, Hayden Scott, Morgan Bauers and Ryan Bauers. Other survivors include his baby sister, Jacki Holley (Randy), brother-in-law Wayne Pilgrim and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, July 19, 2024, at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, MS. Visitation will be from 11:00 to 12:00 with mass beginning at noon.

The family would like to thank the ICU staff and respiratory therapists at Hancock Ochser, his home care workers, Dr. Jay Seagarra of Gulfport Memorial Hospital, and Father Mike of Our Lady of the Gulf in Bay St. Louis.

The Riemann Family Funeral Home, 141 Hwy 90, Waveland, is serving the family.

Two families homeless after blaze at Jourdan River Shores

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

The Kiln Volunteer Fire Department battled a blaze at Jourdan River Shores for more than six hours on Monday — two firefighters suffered from apparent heat exhaustion, but no other injuries were reported.

“Today is a very sad day in (Jourdan River Shores),” Rita Renfro Myers wrote on social media. “Two families lost everything in fires that completely destroyed their homes. One family’s beloved pet was killed in the fire.”

“Thank you to those who risked their lives today in order to save ours,” Rancee Morgan posted on Facebook. “I am truly grateful for this family of ours ... I’m absolutely heart broken and devastated.”

At about 6:30 a.m. on Monday, “Kiln VFD was dispatched to multiple residential structure fires in the Jourdan River Community,” Chief Timothy Cameron said in a press release. “Upon arrival, units found two elevated residential structures, fully engulfed in flames with multiple structures in immediate danger. Kiln VFD requested mutual aid from neighboring departments within the county. Personnel immediately began to extinguish the fire and remained on scene for approximately six-and-a-half hours fighting the blaze.”

Agencies offering mutual aid included the Bay St. Louis Fire Department; Clermont Volunteer Fire Department; Diamondhead Fire Department; Fenton Volunteer Fire Department; Hancock County Emer-

gency Management Agency; Leetown Volunteer Fire Department; Pafford EMS; Post 58 Volunteer Fire Department; Waveland Fire Department; and West Hancock Volunteer Fire Department, Cameron said.

“No injuries were reported,” Cameron said, “however two firefighters were evaluated for heat exhaustion while one was transported to a local hospital by Pafford EMS for further treatment. On scene, there was a total of 20 firefighters, five personnel from Pafford EMS, and two personnel from the Hancock County Emergency Management Agency, as well as 10 apparatuses on scene.

“We greatly appreciate the community’s support as personnel were greeted with water and food during rehabilitation. Keep these family’s in your prayers as they work through this hard time. We greatly appreciate everyone’s dedication and hard work today.”

Officials said the blaze apparently began at a home where the residents were on vacation, but spread to a neighbor’s house.

Kiln VFD volunteer Karen Lewis said the two firefighters who suffered from heat exhaustion have since recovered.

Lewis said a neighbor of the fire victims is collecting clothing and household supply donations for them.

“If anybody’s got anything for households, they can bring it down to Jourdan River Shores there across from where the houses burnt,” Lewis said, or donations can be dropped off at Smith Family Chiropractic, located at 16195 Hwy. 603 in Kiln.

Point Eight Power To Be Honored as Hancock County’s 2024 Industry of the Year

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission is pleased to announce Point Eight Power, Inc. as Hancock County’s 2024 Industry of the Year. This prestigious award will be presented at the Hancock Chamber of Commerce’s Salute to Business & Industry Awards Gala, scheduled for Thursday, August 29th at 5:30 p.m. at Hollywood Casino Gulf Coast. Attendees can register online at hancockchamber.org.

Point Eight Power is part of the Mission Critical Group and operates a sister plant in Belle Chasse, Louisiana. They are a renowned manufacturer of power distribution systems serving clients all over

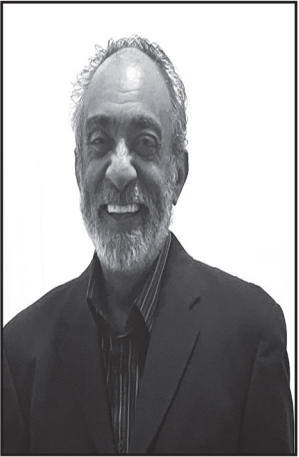
the globe in a variety of land- and marine-based industries. The company cut the ribbon on their new manufacturing plant in Hancock County in March of this year, marking a significant corporate investment of nearly \$7.75 million. This new facility is expected to generate 78 direct jobs, bolstering the local economy and offering new opportunities for the community.

Point Eight Power has been a cornerstone in the power distribution industry since its founding in 1950. The company specializes in manufacturing generator controls, switchgear, and power control building packages, providing custom-designed electrical control and distribution systems to a variety of sectors, including

chemical, critical power, marine, and oil and gas.

Blaine LaFontaine, CEO of the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission, expressed his enthusiasm for the project: “Our Commission acquired this property in 2021 that had been vacant for nearly 10 years and invested \$750,000 to rehabilitate the production facility and attract new industry and jobs to Hancock County. We are proud to add Point Eight Power as a tenant to Port Bienvenue Industrial Park.”

The recognition of Point Eight Power as Hancock County’s 2024 Industry of the Year underscores the company’s significant contributions to the local economy and its commitment to growth and excellence in manufacturing.



impact on all who knew him. He will be deeply missed, but forever remembered by his family and friends his legacy of love and strength will continue to live on.

A private service will be held July 20 at the 100 men’s Hall in honor of his memory. May he rest in peace.

RONALD R. LABAT

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Ronald R. Labat who left us May 23, 2024 at the age of 68. He is survived by his previous wives Ellen Lee Labat and Reba Labat-Lawson, (Ralph) their two children Maya & Marcus, and twin grandchildren Ella and Laila, brothers David (Ann), Brian (Rymsky), Patrick (Cheryl), Kenny (Dolores), Jay and sisters Carol (Robert), Penelope, Linda, Karen (Ron). He was preceded in death by his mother and father Joseph and Loretta Labat, brothers Bernie and Steven, sisters Carmen, Lynette (Curtis). He took pride in his family and

cherished every moment spent with them throughout his life.

Ronald served our country by joining the United States Air Force in 1975 and served for eight years. After serving, he became a civilian with numerous labor jobs helping his community. At the tender age of 50 he decided to change careers and fulfill his passion for cooking. He attended Sheridan Technical College for Culinary Arts and excelled as a model student landing a cooking job right out of school. His final job in his words was the “best job ever, full time grandpa” and that he was! He touched the lives of many with his wit and charm, leaving a lasting

ELIZABETH JANE “JANIE” WALKER LASSEIGNE

Elizabeth Jane “Janie” Walker Lasseigne, 63, of Pearlinton, Mississippi, passed away on Friday, July 12th 2024, in Slidell, Louisiana.

Janie was born on February 14, 1961 in Huntsville, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her mother, Sarah Vance; her father, Cecil Walker Sr.; stepfather, Robert Vance; and brother, Michael Vance.

Janie is survived by her husband of 40 years, Albert Lasseigne Jr.; daughter Aren Lasseigne Quave; son in law, Jonathan Quave; grandson, Jeffrey Quave; sisters, Julia Walker, Kimberly Vance Lyons (Dave),

Vickie Vance; brothers, Cecil Walker Jr., Kenneth Vance (Michelle); nephews, Steven Dauenhauer Jr., Wyatt Dauenhauer (Rayven), Coy Walker, Charles Walker, Robert Adam Vance; nieces, Crystal Vance (Oscar), Amber Vance, and Caitlyn Vance.

Janie worked as a dedicated employee for Bay Catholic Elementary and Our Lady Academy in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for over 25 years. She enjoyed being with her family, cooking and being a grandmother. Janie always had an open and compassionate heart.

As it saddens her family that she left them too soon, they are comforted to know that she is at peace. Janie will be



remembered for being full of life and a loving person. She will be celebrated in private with her family.

Please visit www.honakerforestlawn.com to sign guestbook.

Arrangements by Honaker Funeral Home, Inc., Slidell, LA.

Correction

An article in the June 6, 2024 edition of the Sea Coast Echo incorrectly reported that former Bay St. Louis daycare owner Connie Cuevas entered a guilty plea to multiple counts of child abuse. Cuevas pled guilty to four felony counts of child neglect, and prosecutors dismissed seven counts of felony child abuse. We apologize for the error.

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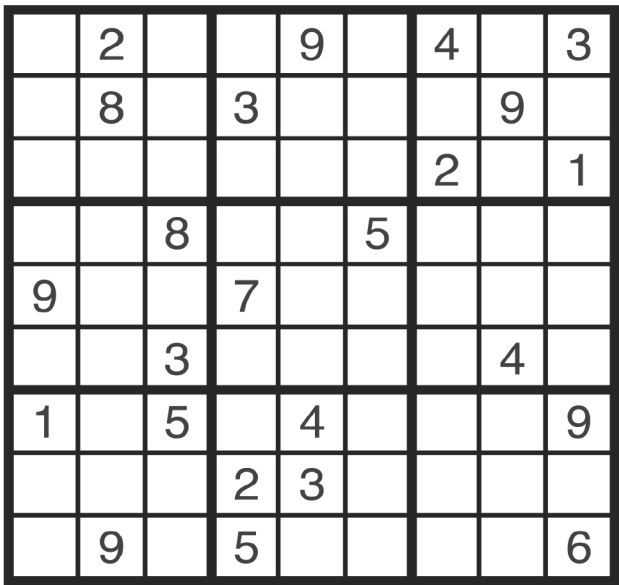
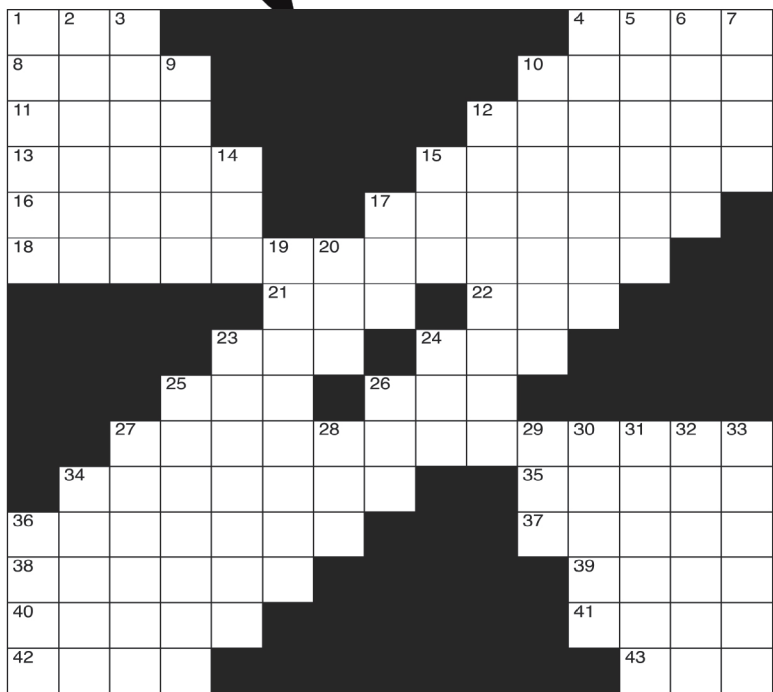
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HPOD months-long investigation into an interstate Drug Trafficking Organization based out of Dallas and Houston, Texas,” according to a press release from Hancock County Sheriff Ricky Adam’s office. “These com-

bined efforts resulted in the arrest of three individuals, as well as the seizure of approximately 121 kilograms of methamphetamine (believed to be the largest methamphetamine seizure to date that was solely destined for the Mississippi Gulf Coast)."

Officers estimated that the seized meth had an estimated street value of \$2.2 million.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Baby's dining accessory
4. Something free
8. Ancient Egyptian deity
10. Set-like mathematical categories
11. Top-quality
12. Expansive
13. Seizure
15. People with congenital absence of pigment
16. Gains
17. Mocked online
18. Clint's son
21. Body part
22. Humor
23. Code number
24. Your physique
25. Family of regulator genes
26. LA football player (abbr.)
27. "The Blonde Bombshell"
34. Charity
35. Bluish greens
36. Examined closely
37. A type of equation
38. Stretched uncomfortably
39. Indian religious god
40. Clocks
41. Slowly leak through
42. Witnesses
43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Nestlings
2. Induces vomiting
3. A place to eat
4. Partner in the air
5. Offered one's take
6. Nobel-winning French biologist
7. Farm animals
9. Prevent from growing
10. Sensationalist periodical
12. Soft-bodied beetle
14. Very fast airplane
15. Imaginative creation
17. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
19. Evoked a response
20. French river
23. Shiny yellow minerals
24. Make illegal
25. U.S. military branch
26. River in France and Belgium
27. A woman of refinement
28. Male child
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30. German city
31. Animal disease
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33. Sneak out
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36. Performs on stage

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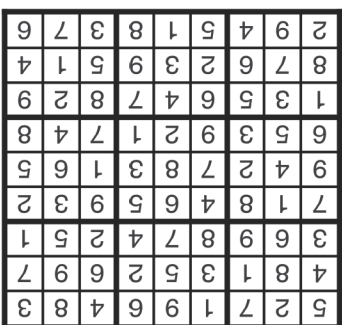
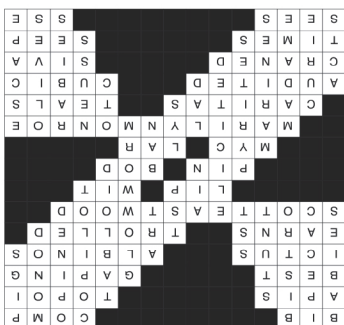
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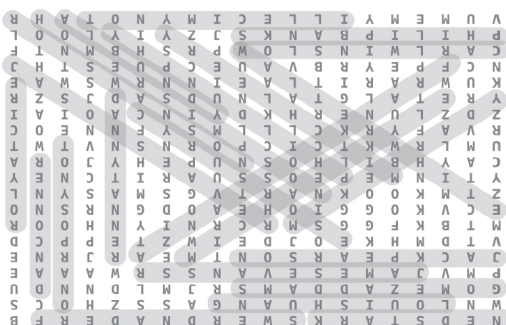
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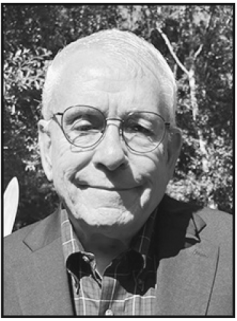
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Integrity

By REV. C. GERALD RICHARDSON, D. MIN



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A recent experience at the Bay St. Louis Little Theater provided an opportunity for reflection on an important aspect of living an authentic life. The play was “A Man for All Seasons”. It was presented in a wonderful and powerful way. Of course, it should be

acknowledged that we are profoundly fortunate to have this artistic presence in our community. They do a wonderful job of offering outstanding stage productions of some of the great plays which are such an important part of our artistic culture. My wife and I attend a number of these plays each year, and we always leave with a great appreciation for the talent, dedication, and hard work of all those who put together these productions.

“A Man for All Seasons” is the recounting of the events in 16th century England which led to an ecclesiastical crisis and seriously changed the course of the Christian church in the western world. Sir Thomas Moore, who was a lawyer who represented the

state church took a stand which he considered to be based on principal. His position was in conflict with the desires of King Henry VIII. This resulted in a great debate among leaders of the church and state. In the end, Sir Thomas was executed for his convictions, and for his refusal to compromise his beliefs in order to appease the desires of the king.

Watching this production, which was beautifully done, resulted in significant reflection on the question of how far people may be willing to go as they stand for the integrity of belief. This is not an issue which remains in the 16th century. While opinions and understandings have evolved across the centuries, integrity remains powerfully important.

What are we willing to do, and how far are we willing to go in order to stand for honestly held convictions?

We live in a time of serious diversity of opinion. While the challenges of the 16th century differ from those of the 21st, the question of integrity remains constant. We are still called to evaluate cultural circumstances and make determinations regarding our actions and attitudes. These can make a significant difference in the world in which we live.

This is a spiritual consideration. Those of us who live in, and strive to conduct our lives, in light of Judeo-Christian morality are often faced with decisions which challenge us. Cultural, political, and social expectations may pull us in

directions which are counter to the values which guide our spiritual lives. When this is the case, we may be called upon to make decisions which are similar to those required of Sir Thomas Moore. Clearly, the results are not likely to be those which befell the ancient churchman, who was beheaded, but they are still important.

A critical question for all of us is that of how we understand integrity. Are we willing to go to costly lengths to stand for that which we honestly believe? Or, will we compromise convictions in order to gain some kind of benefit? It is worth considering, and it can impact the ultimate direction of our lives.

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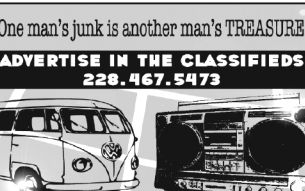
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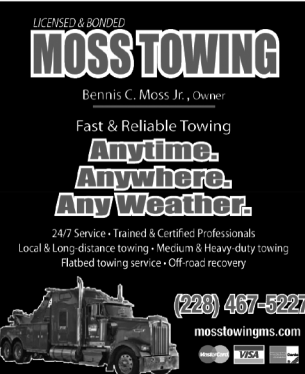
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CATHERINE M. JONES, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 24-65-JP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on June 28, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, to ROY E. JONES, II, Administrator of the Estate of CATHERINE M. JONES, Deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

DATED this 1st day of July, 2024,

ROY E. JONES, II, Administrator of the Estate of CATHERINE M. JONES, Deceased

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thence North 05 degrees 59 minutes 03 seconds East 399.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 25 minutes 24 seconds West 57.70 feet to the point of beginning. This parcel containing 1.822 acres and being a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

Being the same property as conveyed to Betty Jean Smith in a Warranty Deed filed for record on 8-01-96 in Book B140 at Page 303.

ALSO: One (1) 2005 Liberty 14x64 Serial #: 0136472F

I will convey only such title as vested in me as such Trustee.

WITNESS my signature, upon this, the 10th day of July, A.D., 2024.

/s/ Joshua Closson_____
Joshua Closson, Trustee
HL&C-HANCOCK, LLC

Please publish on:

July 18, 2024
July 25, 2024
August 1, 2024
August 8, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Hancock County Board of Education Regular Monthly Meetings for 2024 - 2025 school year are scheduled as follows and will begin at 5:30 pm.

July 29, 2024
August 5, 2024
August 26, 2024
September 30, 2024
October 28, 2024
November 18, 2024
December 16, 2024
January 23, 2025
February 24, 2025
March 24, 2025
April 14, 2025
May 19, 2025
June 16, 2025

Unless noted otherwise, the meetings will be held in the Board Meeting Room of the Office of the Superintendent of Education at 18375 Highway 603, Kiln, Mississippi. For further information, including agenda matters, please visit www.hancockschools.net
Publish:

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HUEY PIERCE LONG WOOKCOCK, DECEASED

CAUSE NUMBER: 24-CV-338 JS

TIMOTHY WAYNE WOODCOCK, PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary on the estate of HUEY PIERCE LONG WOOKCOCK, Deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 21st day of June, 2024 and all persons having claim against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar the claim.

This 21st day of June, 2024

HUEY PIERCE LONG WOOKCOCK, Deceased
TIMOTHY WAYNE WOODCOCK, Executor

Steven Jay Irwin (Bar No. 3033)
Attorney at Law
821 Trace Court
Mandeville, Louisiana 70448
985-869-0991
Sirwin5@bellsouth.net
Attorney for Petitioner

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

In the Matter of the Estate of MARC C. KARL, Deceased
CAUSE NO.: 24-282-JS
KRISTIN L. RABALAIS, Administratrix

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the Estate of Marc C. Karl, Deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 20th day of May, 2024, and all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within ninety days from the date of first publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar the claim.

THIS 26th day of June, 2024.
Kristin L. Rabalais, Administratrix
Prepared by:
DAVID B. ESTES, Esq.
MS Bar No. 101404
SYMMES & ESTES, PLLC
1806 23rd Avenue, Suite A
Gulfport, Mississippi 39501
(228) 896-8962

Publish:

July 4, 2024
July 11, 2024
July 18, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MILDRED ANN LUCCO, DECEASED CAUSE

NO: 23CH1:21-cv-0061- CB

SUMMONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: HEIRS AT LAW OF MILDRED ANN LUCCO, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in this suit filed in this Court by Jeannie Wahl, Administratrix of the Estate of MILDRED ANN LUCCO, deceased, seeking judicial declaration of the heirs at law of Mildred Ann Lucco, deceased. The Defendant other than you in this action is Kendrick James Ladner, who along with Jeannie Wahl have alleged to be the sole heirs of the decedent.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 in the Chancery Courtroom at the Harrison County Courthouse, 1801 23rd Street, Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings but you may do so if you so desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of office, this the 25TH day of JUNE, 2024.

Tiffany Lee Cowman
Chancery Clerk

Michael D. Haas, Jr.
Haas and Haas Attorneys
By: /Bridgette Ladner
201 N. Second Street
Deputy Clerk
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
152 Main Street, Ste. A
T: (228) 467-6574
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
F: (228) 467-6575
(228) 467-5406
MS Bar No. 5091

Publish Dates: 7/4/2024;
7/11/2024; 7/18/2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RAYMOND A. BADGETT, DECEASED

CAUSE NO: 23CH1:24-cv-00233-CB

JEANETTE WOZNIAK, PETITIONER

EXECUTRIXS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 31st day of May, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Raymond A. Badgett, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 4th day of July, 2024.

s/ JEANETTE WOZNIAK

PUBLISH: July 4, 2024, July 11, 2024, and July 18, 2024

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, effective as of September 17, 2020, Sydney & Company, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company (the "Borrower") executed that certain Mississippi Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Fixture Filing, and Security Agreement (the "Deed of Trust") to Caroline E. Haas, as trustee (the "Original Trustee"), for the use and benefit of Patch of Land Lending, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Original Lender"), which instrument was recorded in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi (the Recording Office) on September 21, 2020, at Deed of Trust Book 2020, Page 24138; and, WHEREAS, as of November 19, 2020, Original Lender executed that certain Assignment of Mississippi Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Fixture Filing, and Security Agreement (the "Assignment") thereby assigning all right, title, and interest in the Deed of Trust and related loan documents to Toorak Capital Partners, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Ben-

eficiary"), which instrument was recorded in the Recording Office on December 7, 2020, at Deed of Trust Book 2020, Page 32049; and,

WHEREAS, effective as of April 17, 2024, pursuant to that certain Substitution of Trustee (the "Trustee Substitution"), Beneficiary substituted Alan Lee Smith (the "Substituted Trustee") as trustee of the Deed of Trust, in the place and stead of the Original Trustee and of any other substituted trustee, which Trustee Substitution was recorded in the Recording Office on April 22, 2024, at Deed of Trust Book 2024, Page 8133, and thereafter spread upon the land records maintained by the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby (the "Indebtedness") having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, Beneficiary has called upon the Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and make foreclosure thereof according to the terms of said Deed of Trust and applicable Mississippi law, for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, with the proceeds thereof to be applied in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust and related loan documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alan Lee Smith, acting solely in my capacity as Substituted Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me pursuant to the Deed of Trust and applicable Mississippi law, do hereby give notice that I will, between the legal hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 18, 2024, offer for sale at public outcry at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse, 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described real property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi (the "Premises"), to-wit:

REAL PROPERTY

Beginning at an iron bolt for the Northwest corner of the intersection of Dunbar Avenue and Felicity Street; thence North 69° 50' West 261.30 feet, more or less, along the North margin of Felicity Street to an iron bolt set at the Southeast corner of property conveyed by Caroline Kiefer to Clyde Ladner, et ux, on January 31, 1964 by deed recorded in Book Q-2, page 271, Hancock County Deed Records, and which property was subsequently conveyed by Clyde Ladner, et ux to MaMac, Inc. by deed dated June 10, 1965 and recorded in Book R-7, page 157, said Deed Records; thence running North along the East line of MaMac property 191.15 feet, more or less, along a line parallel to the West Corporate line of the City of Bay St. Louis to an iron bolt set on a line for the common boundary between Lots 147 and 148; thence South 70° East 191.98 feet along the aforesaid line for the common boundary between Lots 147 and 148 to an iron bolt set on the West margin of Dunbar Avenue; thence along the arc of the West margin of Dunbar Avenue, which arc has a chord running South 16° 46' East a distance of 225.12 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Lots 148, 154, 155, First Ward, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi as per the official plat of said City made by E. S. Drake, C.E., and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi; together with all singular the rights, privileges, improvements and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining.

Substituted Trustee will on the same date and at the same time and place, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 9-604 and 9-610 of the Uniform Commercial Code (Sections 75-9-604 and 75-9-610 of the Mississippi Code), all of Borrower's right, title and interest in the following described personal property that may be located upon the Premises and/or may exist in association with Borrower's use and enjoyment of the Premises, the Borrower having granted Beneficiary a security interest in said personal property pursuant to the Deed of Trust and/or other security instruments:

PERSONAL PROPERTY

All of Borrowers right, title and interest in and to any and all buildings, structures, improvements, fixtures, and appurtenances placed on the Premises, including, without limitation, all apparatus and equipment, whether or not physically affixed to the land or any building, which is used to provide or supply air cooling, air conditioning, heat, gas, water, light, power, refrigeration, ventilation, laundry, drying, dish washing, garbage disposal, or other services; and all elevators, escalators, and related machinery and equipment, fire prevention and extinguishing apparatus, security and access control apparatus, partitions, ducts, compres-

sors, plumbing, ovens, refrigerators, dishwashers, disposals, washers, dryers, awnings, storm windows, storm doors, screens, blinds, shades, curtains, curtain rods, mirrors, cabinets, paneling, rugs, attached floor coverings, furniture, pictures, antennas, pools, spa, pool and spa operation and maintenance equipment and apparatus, and trees and plants located on the Premises, including replacements and additions (collectively, the "Improvements"); and,

All of the right, title and interest of Borrower in and to all tangible and intangible personal property, including, but not limited to, all water rights of whatever kind or character, surface or underground, appropriate, decreed, or vested, that are appurtenant to the Premises or otherwise used or useful in connection with the Premises (to the extent they may constitute personal property), all equipment, inventory, goods, consumer goods, accounts, chattel paper, instruments, money, general intangibles, letter-of-credit rights, deposit accounts, investment property, documents, minerals, crops and timber (as those terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code) that are located on, attached to, installed, placed, used on, in connection with, or are required for such attachment, installation, placement, or use on the Premises, the Improvements, fixtures, or on other goods located on the Premises or Improvements, together with all additions, accessions, accessories, amendments, modifications to the Premises or Improvements, extensions, renewals, and enlargements and proceeds of the Premises or Improvements, substitutions for, and income and profits from, the Premises or the Improvements, including but not limited to, all goods, machinery, tools, equipment (including fire sprinklers and alarm systems); vehicle maintenance and repair equipment; office furniture (including tables, chairs, planters, desks, sofas, shelves, lockers, and cabinets); safes, furnishings, appliances (including ice-making machines, refrigerators, fans, water heaters, and incinerators); rugs, carpets, other floor coverings, draperies, drapery rods and brackets, awnings, window shades, venetian blinds, curtains, other window coverings; lamps, chandeliers, other lighting fixtures; office maintenance and other supplies; loan commitments, financing arrangements, bonds, construction contracts, leases, tenants security deposits, licenses, permits, sales contracts, option contracts, lease contracts, insurance policies, proceeds from policies, plans, specifications, surveys, books, records, funds, bank deposits; and all other intangible personal property; and any other portion or items of the Premises that constitutes personal property under the Uniform Commercial Code; and, All right, title, and interest of Borrower in and to all materials, supplies, equipment, apparatus, and other items attached to, installed on or in the Premises or the Improvements, or that in some fashion are deemed to be fixtures to the Premises or Improvements under the laws of the state of Mississippi; and, Any and all leases, subleases, licenses, concessions, or other agreements (written or verbal) that grant a possessory interest in and to, or the right to extract, mine, reside in, sell, or use the Premises, and all other agreements, including but not limited to utility contracts, maintenance agreements, and service contracts that in any way relate to the use, occupancy, operation, maintenance, enjoyment, or ownership of the Premises; and,

All rents, issues, revenues, income, proceeds, royalties, profits, license fees, prepaid municipal and utility fees, bonds, and other benefits to which Borrower may be entitled from or which are derived from the Premises; and, All right, title, and interest (including any claim or demand or demand in law or equity) that Borrower has in or to such Premises; all easements, rights, privileges, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances belonging or in any way appertaining to the Premises; all of the estate, right, title, interest, claim, demand, reversion, or remainder of Borrower in or to the Premises, either at law or in equity, in possession or expectancy; all development rights or credits and air rights; all water and water rights (whether or not appurtenant to the Premises) and shares of stock pertaining to such water or water rights, ownership of which affects the Premises; all minerals, oil, gas, and other hydrocarbon substances and rights thereto in, on, under, or upon the Premises and all royalties and profits from any such rights or shares of stock; all right, title, and interest of Borrower in and to any streets, ways, alleys, strips, or gores of land adjoining the Premises or any part of it that Borrower owns all adjacent lands within enclosures or occupied by buildings partly situated on the

Premises; and, All intangible property and rights relating to the Premises or its operation or used in connection with it, including, without limitation, permits, licenses, plans, specifications, construction contracts, subcontracts, bids, deposits for utility services, installations, refunds due Borrower, trade names, trademarks, and service marks; and, All of the right, title, and interest of Borrower in and to the land lying in the bed of any street, road, highway, or avenue in front of or adjoining the Premises; and, Any and all awards previously made or later to be made by any governmental authority to the Borrower that may be made with respect to the Premises as a result of the exercise of the right of eminent domain, the alteration of the grade of any street, or any other injury to or decrease of value of the Premises; and, All deposits of Borrower with any governmental authority and/or public utility company that relate to the ownership of the Premises; and, All leases of the Premises or any part of it and all right, title, and interest of Borrower under such leases, including cash or securities deposited by the tenants to secure performance of their obligations under such leases (whether such cash or securities are to be held until the expiration of the terms of such leases or applied to one or more of the installments of rent coming due immediately before the expiration of such terms), all rights to all insurance proceeds and unearned insurance premiums arising from or relating to the Premises, all other rights and easements of Borrower existing pertaining to the use and enjoyment of the Premises, and all right, title, and interest of Borrower in and to all declarations of covenants, conditions, and restrictions as may affect or otherwise relate to the Premises; and, All plans and specifications for the Improvements; all contracts and subcontracts relating to the Improvements; all deposits (including tenants security deposits), funds, accounts, contract rights, instruments, documents, general intangibles, and notes or chattel paper arising from or in connection with the Premises; all permits, licenses, certificates, and other rights and privileges obtained in connection with the Premises; all soils reports, engineering reports, land planning maps, drawings, construction contracts, notes, drafts, documents, engineering and architectural drawings, letters of credit, bonds, surety bonds, any other intangible rights relating to the Premises and Improvements, surveys, and other reports, exhibits, or plans used or to be used in connection with the construction, planning, operation, or maintenance of the Premises and Improvements and all amendments and modifications; all proceeds arising from or by virtue of the sale, lease, grant of option, or other disposition of all or any part of the Premises; and all proceeds (including premium refunds) payable or to be payable under each insurance policy relating to the Premises; and, All trade names, trademarks, symbols, service marks, and goodwill associated with the Premises and any and all state and federal applications and registrations used in connection with the use or operation of the Premises; and, All tax refunds, bills, notes, inventories, accounts and charges receivable, credits, claims, securities, and documents of all kinds, and all instruments, contract rights, general intangibles, bonds and deposits, and all proceeds and products of the Premises; and, All accounts, contract rights, chattel paper, documents, instruments, books, records, claims against third parties, money, securities, drafts, notes, proceeds, and other items relating to the Premises; and, All construction, supply, engineering, and architectural contracts executed by Borrower for the construction of the Improvements; and All proceeds of any of the foregoing.

The foregoing real and personal property (collectively, the "Property") shall be sold together on an "As Is, Where Is" basis without warranty or recourse, express or implied, as to title, possession, use and/or enjoyment, and subject to the following:

1. Any unpaid taxes against the Property;
2. Any recorded easements, conditions, covenants, rights-of-way or subdivision plats affecting the Property;
3. Any dedication of roads affecting the Property and any governmental zoning and subdivision ordinances or regulations in effect; and,
4. Any prior or superior liens, judgments, deeds of trust, or other interests of record and/or existing as a matter of law regarding the Property.

I shall convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 24th day of June, 2024.

/s/ Alan Lee Smith
ALAN LEE SMITH, actingsolely in my capacity as Substituted Trustee

Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C.
Attn: Alan Lee Smith, Esq.
P.O. Box 14167
Jackson, Mississippi 39236
(601) 351-8932

Real Property Physical Address:

800 Dunbar Avenue
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520

Publication Dates:
June 27, 2024; July 4, 2024; July 11, 2024; and July 18, 2024

File: MS10093
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
WHEREAS, on April 28, 2000, Tommy B. Brooks and spouse Judith C. Brooks executed a certain Deed of Trust to Perre M. Cabell, Trustee for the use and benefit of Premier Funding, a Mississippi Corporation which Deed of Trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, on May 3, 2000, in Deed of Trust Book 589, Page 866. WHEREAS, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-2, the current holder and/or assignee, substituted Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. as Trustee by instrument recorded in the Chancery Clerks Office on November 29, 2022 in Book 2022, in Page 33198; and WHEREAS, Default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-2, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee in said deed of trust, will on August 8, 2024 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the main front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to wit: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 65, Fourth Ward, City of Waveland, and run South 0 degree 34' east along the Western right-of-way of St. Joseph Street for 217 feet to an iron marking the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning run South 89° 25' west 675.83 feet to a point; thence run South 169 feet to a point; thence run North 89° 25' East 677.51 feet to an iron on the Western right-of-way of St. Joseph Street; thence run North 0° 34' West along said right-of-way to the point of beginning. Said land being part of Lot 64 and part of Lot 65, Fourth Ward, City of Waveland, and a part of the NE1/4 of SE1/4 of Section 3, Township 9 South, Range 14 West, lying West thereof Lot 64 and 65, Hancock County, Mississippi, which has a municipal Address of 525 St. Joseph St. Waveland, MS 39576

More commonly known as: 525 Saint Joseph St, Waveland, MS 39576

I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Substituted Trustee
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. 244 Inverness Center Drive, Suite 200
Birmingham, AL 35242
(801) 355-2886

Publication dates: July 11, 2024, July 18, 2024, July 25, 2024, August 1, 2024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Administratrix Notice to Creditors of TYDE ALLEN WOODY, CAUSE NO. 24-cv-00329(JP)

Letters Administration having been granted on the 21st day of June 2024, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of TYDE ALLEN WOODY, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within 90 days from the date of first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 27th day of June 2024.

MINDY LEWIS, Administratrix

BY: Johnson Law Practice, PLLC
R. Hayes Johnson, Jr. (MSB #10697)
P. O. Box 717
Long Beach, MS 39560
228.868.5499

Publication Dates:

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ESTATE OF TYDE ALLEN WOODY, DECEASED

MINDY LEWIS, PETITIONER
CAUSE NO. 24-cv-00329(JP)

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: The Unknown Heirs at Law

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by MINDY LEWIS, Administratrix of the Estate of TYDE ALLEN WOODY, Deceased, seeking a determination of heirship. There are no other Defendants in this action.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action on August 22, 2024 at 9:00 am, in the Harrison County Chancery Court in Gulfport, Mississippi, Hon. James Persons residing, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in this Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL, of this Court, this the 27th day of June 2024.

(SEAL)

PUBLISH:

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF YVONNE TILLMAN, DECEASED

CAUSE NO.: 23ch1:24-cv-00070-JS

TIMOTHY TILLMAN
ADMINISTRATOR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LETTERS TESTAMENTARY ON THE ESTATE YVONNE TILLMAN, DECEASED, WERE ISSUED TO TIMOTHY TILLMAN BY THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, ON THE 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024, AND ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIM AGAINST SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO PRESENT THEIR CLAIM TO THE CLERK OF SAID COURT AND TO HAVE THEM PROBATED AND ALLOWED WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, FAILURE TO DO SO WILL BAR THE CLAIM.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE ON THIS THE 25th DAY OF JUNE, 2024

/s/ Christopher G. Holt
CHRISTOPHER G. HOLT (MSB#9371)
2501 14TH Street, Suite 211
Gulfport, MS 39501
(t) 228-865-7646
(f)228-868-5475
chris@christopherholtlaw.com



136 Automobile

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES
The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting July 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:
TOW BIZ LLC
10016 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-493-4210
BLUE
2017 FORD F-150
VIN# 1FTEX1CP5SHFB05397
White
2014 Chevrolet Camaro
VIN# 2G1FB1E37E9321570
07/04, 07/11, 07/18/2024

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES
The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting August 16th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:
MOSS TOWING
12130 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-467-5227
2007 DODGE CHARGER
VIN# 283KA53H67H1432006
2008 MITSUBISHI RAIDER
VIN# 1Z7HC28K78S588172
2001 HYUNDAI ACCENT
VIN# KMHCF35G31 U1 037 45
2010 DODGE JOURNEY
VIN# 3D4PG5FV7AT169305
1999 BUICK CENTURY
VIN# 2G4W552M8X1432444
2015 NISSAN ALTIMA
VIN# 1N4AL3AP1FN877168
2011 NISSAN ROGUE
VIN#JN8A55MT7BW158260
2016 HONDA CR-V
VIN# 2HKRM3H73GH507793
2009 NISSAN MAXIMA
VIN#1 N4AA51 EX9C806132
2024 CHEVROLET TRAX
VIN# KL77LKE26RC000735
07/18, 07/25, 08/01/2024

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES
The following vehicle will be sold on Friday, August 2nd, 2024 at 10:00AM at the following location:
Dinkey's Auto Repair & Towing
4105 13th Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-305-0711
2016 TOYOTA COROLLA
VIN# 2T1BURHEXGC715658
2010 HONDA CIVIC
VIN# 2HGFA1F52AH326915
2007 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER
VIN# 3A4FY48B37T589150
07/11, 07/18/2024

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES
The following vehicles will be sold on August 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. 30 days after the first publication:
Unlimited Towing & Collision Center LLC
16108 Rd 509, PO Box 716
Kiln, MS 39556
(228)-586-5465
2012 NISSAN ALTIMA
VIN# 1N4AL2AP7CN577172
2014 KIA SPORTAGE
VIN# KNDPB3AC6E7646886
2006 TOYOTA TUNDRA
VIN# 5TBET341X6S500926
2006 FORD EXPLORER
VIN# 1FMEU62E762A15441
2005 GMC ENVOY
VIN# 1GKE516S856111158
1992 FORD F250
VIN# 1FTHX26G4NKA31858
2008 GMC YUKON
VIN# 1GKFC13J78R181959
07/18, 07/25/2024

Stennis International Airport Aircraft Rental Program

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Stennis International Airport is excited to introduce its new aircraft rental program featuring the Cessna 172. The airport is currently accepting rental applications for hourly rentals starting in late June or early July. The Cessna 172 will be available at a rate of \$165 per hour wet with an overnight fee of \$100 per night. The aircraft rental program aims to provide convenient and affordable flying options for aviation enthusiasts and professionals.

Potential renters are required to complete a rental application, submit all required documents, and undergo a check-out ride with a Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission (HCPHC) approved CFI/CFII. Additionally, student pilots looking to rent the aircraft must have their designated instructor complete a check-out ride with an HCPHC approved CFI/CFII. Please contact HCPHC for a list of approved CFI/CFII instructors. Please note that instructors will charge a one-time fee for the check-out flight.

When submitting the application, the Airport Operations Office requires copies of the following documents along with a non-refundable \$50 application fee:

- PPL/CPL/CFI/CFII/MEI
- Driver’s License
- Valid Airman Medical Certificate
- Proof of Applicable Endorsements for Student Pilots
- Renter’s Insurance

Online booking for the Cessna 172 is available once the application and checkout ride have been completed. Online scheduling will be conducted via the Flight Circle Mobile App or desktop website. For additional details, please visit FlyStennis.com or contact Raoul Boughton (rboughton@hcp hc.ms).

County handles routine business at regular meeting

**BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER**

In other action: The board approved several motions in relation to the Stennis Airport Road Overlay Project: Sub-contractors request no. 1 in the amount of \$142,235 to Warren Paving Inc. (T.L. Wallace Construction Inc.); Sub-contractors request no. 2 in the amount of \$51,695.40 to Warren Paving Inc. (J.L. McCool Contractors Inc.); Sub-contractors request no. 3 in the amount of \$12,492.15 to Warren Paving Inc. (Gulf Coast Solutions, LLC.)

County engineer Alex Davis said work has begun on the Stennis Airport Road Overlay project.

“They should be milling this week,” he said. “Hopefully, pave in the fall. They will be paving probably the first week of school.”

However, the contract also has provisions where the contractor is “not allowed to close two lanes or work during the peak hours,” Davis said.

The board approved the renewal of the mosquito contract with Vector Disease Control International.

In a separate matter, the board opened bids for emergency, disaster, or provisional debris removal and disposal services:

- DRC Emergency Services
- Southern Disaster Recovery LLC
- Dynamic Group, LLC
- TFR Enterprises
- AshBritt
- Holliday Construction
- Looks Great Services of Mississippi
- Crowder Gulf

The board approved a motion to take the bids under advisement.

The board also opened bids for Bayside Park Drainage Improvements, Phase II.

The only bid received was from Apple Construction Company with a base bid of \$1,428,565.30.

The board also approved a motion to take the bid under advisement.

The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 5 at 9 a.m.



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University of Mississippi Announces Spring 2024 Chancellor’s Honor Roll

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The University of Mississippi announced students named to the Spring 2024 Honor Roll lists.

Rebecca Baxter, of Bay St. Louis, MS, majoring in Accountancy, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Annie Bean, of Bay St. Louis, MS, majoring in Integrated Marketing Communications, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Meena Done, of Diamondhead, MS, majoring in Criminal Justice, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Alexa Hardie, of Diamondhead, MS, majoring in Multi-Disciplinary Studies, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Haven Jarvis, of Bay St. Louis, MS, majoring in Communication Sciences/Disorders, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which

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Jessica Johnson, of Diamondhead, MS, majoring in Journalism, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Ella Key, of Diamondhead, MS, majoring in General Business, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Avalon Madden, of Bay St. Louis, MS, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Josephina Majorovits, of Diamondhead, MS, majoring in Art History, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Elisabeth Mooar, of Diamondhead, MS, majoring in Public Policy Leadership, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Colleen Nolan, of Diamondhead, MS, majoring in Chemical En-

gineering, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Sean Ostheimer, of Diamondhead, MS, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Emily Perniciaro, of Bay St. Louis, MS, majoring in Dietetics and Nutrition, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Arden Pierce, of Bay St. Louis, MS, majoring in Geology, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

William Rogers, of Bay St. Louis, MS, majoring in Film Production, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Rachel Rowe, of Diamondhead, MS, majoring in Accountancy, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Amanda Saxton, of Bay St. Louis, MS, majoring in Allied Health Studies, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Caroline Tibbs, of Diamondhead, MS, majoring in Integrated Marketing Communications, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Katherine Tibbs, of Diamondhead, MS, majoring in Exercise Science, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

William Trapani, of Bay St. Louis, MS, majoring in Accountancy, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Renee Vassallo, of Diamondhead, MS, majoring in Accountancy, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Cecylia Williams, of Bay St. Louis, MS, majoring in Civil Engineering, was named to

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“The remarkable students achieving Chancellor’s Honor Roll are among the best and brightest at the University of Mississippi,” Chancellor Glenn Boyce said. “I commend them for their hard work and dedication resulting in their outstanding academic achievements and this well-deserved recognition.”

To be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

The University of Mississippi, affectionately known as Ole

Miss, is the state’s flagship university. Included in the elite group of R1: Doctoral Universities - Highest Research Activity by the Carnegie Classification, it has a long history of producing leaders in public service, academics and business. Its 16 academic divisions include a major medical school, nationally recognized schools of accountancy, law and pharmacy, and an Honors College acclaimed for a blend of academic rigor, experiential learning and opportunities for community action. Recognized among the nation’s most beautiful, Ole Miss’ main campus is in Oxford, which is routinely acknowledged as one of the country’s best college towns.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX EFFORT

Hancock County School District During the 2024 Regular Session, the Mississippi Legislature changed the funding formula from the Mississippi Adequate Education Program to the Mississippi Student Funding Formula that results in an increase of the local contribution to the new funding formula for the Hancock County School District of \$1,865,131. The Hancock County School District's proposed budget will include an increase that is estimated to result in no more than a 4.07 mill increase for operating purposes. The Hancock County School District is not requesting an increase based on a percentage of the tax base or any additional new property and is solely requesting the amount that represents the increase required for the new state funding formula.



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Hart Amlingmeyer, of Bay St. Louis, MS, majoring in Law Studies, was named to the Dean’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74.

McKinley Bowers, of Bay St. Louis, MS, majoring in Accountancy, was named to the Dean’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74.

Lauren Holman, of Bay St. Louis, MS, majoring in Allied Health Studies, was named to the Dean’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74.

Alexis Ladner, of Diamondhead, MS, majoring in Dietetics and Nutrition, was named to the Dean’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74.

Caroline Maillho, of Diamondhead, MS, majoring in Chemical Engineering, was named to the Dean’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74.

Brian Majorovits,

of Diamondhead, MS, majoring in Computer Science, was named to the Dean’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74.

Madison Murray, of Bay St. Louis, MS, majoring in Elementary Education, was named to the Dean’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74.

Maclain Pierce, of Bay St. Louis, MS, majoring in Integrated Marketing Communications, was named to the Dean’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74.

Allie Robison, of Bay St. Louis, MS, majoring in Integrated Marketing Communications, was named to the Dean’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74.

Hutton Scharp, of Diamondhead, MS, majoring in Law Studies, was named to the Dean’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74.

Robert Williams, of Bay St. Louis, MS, majoring in Multi-Disciplinary Studies, was named to the Dean’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX EFFORT HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Hancock County School District will hold a public hearing on its proposed school district budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 on July 29, 2024 at 5:30 at the Superintendent Office, 18375 Hwy 603 Kiln, MS. At this meeting, a proposed ad valorem tax effort will be considered. The Hancock County School District is now operating with a projected total budget revenue of \$63,499,798. Of that amount, 28.83 percent or \$18,309,446 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$58,681,450. Of that amount, 34.49 percent or \$20,239,635 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy. For the next fiscal year, the proposed increase in ad valorem tax effort by Aberdeen School District may result in an increase in the ad valorem tax millage rate. Ad valorem taxes are paid on homes, automobile tags, business fixtures and equipment, and rental real property. Any citizen of Hancock County School District is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax effort, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

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•Gospel music and BBQ fundraiser for Magdalene House — Christian Women’s Job Corp. Music, BBQ dinner, and silent auction to be held on Thursday, July 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Community Hall, located at 301 Blaize Ave., Bay St. Louis. Tickets: \$25 for adults, \$15 for children (ages 2-12). For ticket purchases, call 228-493-0504 or 228-324-6687. For more information about this 501c3 ministry, visit www.womenscommunitysupport.org.

JULY 19

•American Legion Unit 77, every Friday from 5 to 7 p.m., is selling \$12 plates. Menu changes. Weekly dine in or take out. Located at 503 Waveland Ave. For more information, call 228-467-9637.

JULY 20

•Bay St. Louis Little Theatre announces auditions for “A Few Good Men,” the first show of the season, by Aaron Sorkin. The story is about a group of military lawyers assigned to defend two Marines in Guantanamo Bay. During the course of the trial, they uncover a high-level conspiracy designed to eliminate the weaker soldiers in the name of patriotism. The cast call is for one woman and 14 men of all ages. Everyone is welcome to auditions. The customary production is cast with veteran actors and first-time actors. Auditions will be held on Wednesday, July 17 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 20 at 10:30 a.m. at the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre, located at 398 Blaize Ave. Call 228-467-9024 for more information.

JULY 22

•The Arts Hancock County is hosting teen intensive ArtVentures for ages 13-16. Teens will have the opportunity to dive into a more focused exploration of art. They will be guided by professional artists and teachers in four different mediums: Watercolor, mixed media, book making, and 3D sculpture. Camp tuition is \$220 per camper, all supplies included. Dates July 22-25 from 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. For more information, visit www.hancockarts.org or call 228-342-4521.

•Chess for kids/teens: Learn and play from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Clarence Harris Communi-

ty Center at MLK Park on Herlihy Street in Waveland.

JULY 26

•American Legion Unit 77, every Friday from 5 to 7 p.m., is selling \$12 plates. Menu changes. Weekly dine in or take out. Located at 503 Waveland Ave. For more information, call 228-467-9637.

AUGUST 30

•The 100 Men Hall hosts its fifth annual Booker Fest to celebrate the musical genius of James Booker on Labor Day weekend, Friday Aug. 30 to Sunday, Sept. 1. This year, the 100 Men Hall honor Booker with a stellar line-up including The Lee Boys, Joe Krown Trio +1 feat. Papa Mali, Tomar and the FC’s, Sierra Green and the Giants, comedian Rita Brent, Jesse Loya and the House Katz, Heat and the Zydeco Gents, and St. Rose Gospel Choir. Throughout the weekend, attendees will have the opportunity to purchase food: Friday and Saturday features Coasty’s Food Truck, Sunday brunch stars Big Bertha’s Kitchen and Catering. Cash/credit bar throughout the event. Tickets for each of the weekend events as well as a button allowing entry to all events can be purchased online and available at will call throughout the weekend. Tickets and wristbands purchased at the door during the event will be priced higher and based on availability. For more information on ticket purchase, scheduling, etc. visit www.the100menhall.com or email 100menhall@gmail.com.

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Ceremony for ‘Legacy’ benches in downtown Bay St. Louis

SEA COAST ECHO

The Hancock Chamber will celebrate a ribbon cutting ceremony at the historic Hancock County Courthouse on Main St. in Bay St. Louis today, Thursday, from 4-5 p.m. for the new “Legacy Project” benches.

The 2023/24 Chamber Leadership Hancock County Class “Legacy Committee” sold 11 of the benches, which are being placed around Bay St. Louis to provide a place for people to relax and socialize.

“I am honored to have two of my staff members chosen to participate in this year’s leadership class,” Hancock Circuit Clerk Kendra Necaie — who purchased one of the benches — said. “They



Photo by Geoff Belcher | Sea Coast Echo
Hancock Circuit Clerk Kendra Necaie displays one of the new “Legacy Benches” at the Hancock County Courthouse in Old Town Bay St. Louis.

were tasked with raising money to improve the grounds in the area and around the courthouse. As a proud Hancock County resident, I am happy to support them

with their project.”

After the ribbon cutting, Chamber Executive Director Tish Williams said, the celebration will move over to Trapani’s Eatery on Beach Boule-

vard for the Chamber After Hours from 5-7 p.m. During the After Hours event, the Chamber will also honor FEB Distributing for its 90th anniversary.

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THE SEA COAST ECHO

BWYC hosts annual Review of the Fleet

BY JAMES KEATING MD
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Bay-Waveland Yacht Club (BWYC) celebrated its Annual Review of the Fleet Sunday, April 28, 2024. The event designates the opening of the sailing season at BWYC for the year. Commodore Marc Eagan officiated the opening ceremony and noted the rich heritage and traditions of the yacht club. Commodore Eagan reported to the membership the state of the club and its many accomplishments during the last year. He said “over the past many years when the club was first established, we have seen unprecedented growth and have been honored with being one of the premier yacht clubs in the country. Today, as we gather to celebrate the start of another sailing season, let us reflect on the rich traditions and camaraderie that have defined this club. Whether you are a seasoned sailor or new to our community, you are all part of a legacy that has been built upon the passion and dedication of generations of its mem-

bers. As we raise our flags and review the fleet, let us recommit ourselves to upholding the highest standards of seamanship, sportsmanship, and fellowship. The waters of Bay St. Louis await, and I have no doubt that the upcoming season will be filled with thrilling races, learning the sport of sailing, and comradeship. These are things that have always been the hallmark of this esteemed club.”

The BWYC has survived and prospered over the last seventy-five years. The club has fulfilled its two important missions. The first was to build a sailing program that produced National Champions that brought pride and a good reputation to the club and the Gulf Yachting Association. Nevertheless, the second mission to establish a popular country club for members of the community has gained precedence. Both non-competing missions are necessary to attract a large dues-paying membership to finance the organization.

May the wind fill your sails and the waves swell your spirits.



Photo submitted
BWYC Review of the Fleet 2024: From left: First row sitting: Commodores Dina Hitt Rosetti '17, Edgar W. “Woody” Santa Cruz Jr. '82, '83, Basal T. Kennedy '86, GYA '92, MCYA '03, '04, Henry Martinez '96, Clinton Edwards '22, Claude Dannemann Jr. '14. Second row standing: Camors C “Chris” Roth '03, Ricky Eagan '91, Tucker E. “Ted” Dawson Jr. '06 and Fleet Chaplin '24, Marc Eagan '24, Zachary M. “Zak” Fanberg '18, John C. “Corky” Hadden '02, Tommy F. Heausier '23, Michael D. “Mike” Hansen '21, Richard S. “Boo” Heausier '15.

Shore Thing: The Big Pond

BY CAPT. SONNY SCHINDLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A charter boat captain can usually gauge how their day is going to go on the first cast the customers make. A lot of folks can talk a big game, but when that fishing pole gets in their hands, it is often times a different story. I’ve said it before, and I will say it again, if you can’t cast, you can’t fish. This is usually why people that spent days and days fishing off a pier, or even better live near a pond, are some of the best anglers you will ever encounter.

Take for example, a recent trip I was very fortunate to be a part of. Dad Justin and his daughter Clara (14 y/o) came down in less than perfect conditions to fish. The wind had been howling for four days prior, the water was dirty and still choppy. It looked like we were all gonna have our work cut out for us. I just instinctively casted Clara’s line the first two or three times until she finally said, “I know how to cast”. Her dad just grinned and kept on fishing. We were working a shoreline, and the bites were coming less than a foot off the bank. Clara was definitely not a liar. She put her popping cork 6 inches from the bank, and pretty much every cast after that was a carbon copy. I’ll be honest, I have fished grown adults that have been “fishing their whole life” that could not hang five minutes with this young ladies casting ability.

After about the fifth or sixth picture perfect cast, I had to know what she had been doing to

get this good, this young. She just simply said, “we have a pond in our yard, and I try to fish every day”. She definitely had put in the time, and it showed.

Once we dialed in some fish, it was a real treat watching the father and daughter duo go to work. Every cast had pinpoint accuracy, everyone kept their cool, and the fish paid dearly. It was a mix of puppy drum and redfish that were no match for these two casting snipers. It was refreshing seeing young Clara make things look so effortless.

Fishing is just like any sport or hobby, the more you do it the better you get at it. Golf, carpentry, painting, archery, whatever the more time you spend actively doing it, the better and better you will get. It’s safe to say I probably fish more than



Photo by Sonny Schindler
Justin and Clara with one of their many fish from Bay St Louis.



Photo by Sonny Schindler
Casting expert Clara with one of her many fish.

most people do, and I still work at it daily. I’m always trying to get a little better. In regards to

fishing, you don’t have to be on a big expensive boat, way offshore to get better at it. Practicing casting in a little pond

will get you primed and ready, for when it comes time to get on “The Big Pond”.

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Developers of ‘retro’ rehabbed Driftwood Motel celebrate grand opening with ceremony

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

Developers of the new and improved Driftwood Motel on Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis on Monday celebrated the historic inn’s grand reopening with a ribbon cutting ceremony hosted by the Hancock Chamber.

“I want to thank everybody for being here,” Eugene Schmitt of SVN Urban Properties, which purchased the motel last October, said Monday. “We want to deliver clean, high-quality rooms and have people come down to Bay St. Louis.”

Schmitt said the endeavor to refurbish the once-blighted property — formerly known as the Economy Inn — was complicated and expensive.

“This was not an easy project,” he said. “With just about every layer we peeled back, we encountered more problems.”

Schmitt thanked the SVN’s backers, including local banks and in-

vestors, and project lead Jack “Buck” Bucskowski.

He also thanked his “wife Theresa, not only for her therapy services to get to this point,” he said, but also because “she was the cleaning service” until they hired a new cleaning staff.

Echoes of the Past

The property originally opened as the Driftwood Motel in 1961 near the corner of Main Street and Hwy. 90, enjoying a few decades of relative prosperity before sliding into decline in the early 1990s through last year, when its former managers pled guilty to drug charges.

According to the new motel’s website, “The Driftwood Motel breathes new life into the forgotten motor court motel experience of yesterday. Long before I-10, historic Hwy 90 connected towns along the Gulf Coast back when local diners and seashell shops lined the route welcoming vis-



Photo by Geoff Belcher | Sea Coast Echo
Local elected officials, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and the developers of the Driftwood Motel celebrated on Monday with a ribbon cutting.

itors. The revitalized Driftwood Motel offers a journey back in time to the captivating retro charm of Bay St. Louis during the ‘60s and ‘70s.

“The time was right for a re-investment into the hotel that was home to so many memories of a bygone era. The hotel was purchased and underwent a major renovation that sought to modernize and refurbish that classic motor court motel charm of its heyday.”

The rehabbed, retro Driftwood — located at 810 Hwy. 90 in Bay St. Louis — now offers one- and two-bedroom suites with high-speed wifi, breakfast on weekends and a new swimming pool with privacy fence..

For more on the Driftwood Motel, go to www.driftwoodmotelbsl.com or call 228-497-0800.

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after her death.

The fest quickly took off, with dozens of Frida Kahlo enthusiasts vying to win the “Frida Be You & Me” Frida look-alike contest every year.

After Madden and Maggio closed Smith & Lens, Schwabacher kept

the tradition going at the Mockingbird.

The highlight of the event — the Frida Be You & Me look-alike contest — drew more than 20 contestants this year.

“I think all the artwork that people put into their costumes and people learning more about Frida’s art and what she’s brought to the

artworld is pretty amazing,” Schwabacher said. “Everyone gets excited about what they’re going to do next year, too. And Bay St. Louis loves to costume and they always bring their best.”

Prizes were awarded in both youth and adult categories.

In the youth division, Frankie Adams won first place; Cate

LeBlanc won second; and Lillian Forrest won third. In the adult competition, Natalie Meeks won first place, adding a limp to her walk to mimic Kahlo’s gait due to a prosthetic leg; the “Frida Twons” Valeri Hart and Denise Chetta shared second place; and Madison Hansell won third. Marian Glaser took home the award for

“Crowd Favorite.”

Schwabacher said proceeds from the festival always go to a worthy cause.

“This year we partnered with the Arts, Hancock County, and are offering a Frida scholarship for artists of color,” she said.

Now, she and the Mockingbird staff are preparing for “Bird

Stock.”

Next mont is our 18th birthday — I can hardly believe the Mockingbird has been open this long,” Schwabacher said. “Come on out for Bird Stock — the BSL Trio plays and they’ll be playing all the music from Woodstock.”

The event is scheduled next Second Saturday, Aug. 10.

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